

EPA petition to ban ammunition:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has Lisa Jackson as its leader. Ms. Jackson was responsible for banning bear hunting in New Jersey, and she is now considering a petition by the Center for Biological Diversity (CBD), a leading anti-hunting organization, and the American Bird Conservancy to ban all traditional ammunition under the Toxic Substance Control Act of 1976, a law in which Congress expressly exempted ammunition. If the EPA approves the petition, the result will be a total ban on all ammunition containing lead-core components, including hunting and target-shooting rounds. The EPA must decide to accept or reject this petition by November 1, 2010, the day before the midterm elections.

There is not a valid scientific argument that the use of traditional lead core ammunition is having an adverse impact on wildlife populations. Wildlife shot with lead core ammunition does not pose a human health risk according to a recent 2008 study conducted by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control.

Banning traditional ammunition would be disastrous to our state wildlife agencies. Pittman Robertson monies are derived by an excise tax on the manufacturing and sale of ammunition. The 11 percent tax is a primary source of wildlife conservation funding in every state. Even the American Bird Conservancy gets monies from the WV-DNR to carry on conservation work in this state and now they are now a participant in this legal petition. Here is the headline from the American Bird Conservancy web-site:

“American Bird Conservancy, Center for Biological Diversity, Association of Avian Veterinarians, Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility, and the hunters’ group Project Gutpile are asking for the ban under the Toxic Substances Control Act, which regulates dangerous chemicals in the United States.”

The American hunter is on the front line of conservation. We put our monies out there to protect habitat. If we are forced to shoot alternatives to lead core ammunition we will do a lot less shooting. Why? Cost my friends. If we buy less ammunition it means fewer monies for wildlife agencies; and these folks are stretched thin now.

The EPA has opened the petition made by these groups **open to public comment** until November 1, 2010, the day before the elections. If you don’t let your voice heard on this issue then you may as well vote for folks who want to take your guns away from you also. A gun without ammunition isn’t much good. Tell the EPA and Congress in no uncertain terms to leave your traditional ammunition alone. The U.S. Supreme Court has protected our right to keep and bear arms; now we must insist to be allowed our ammunitions for those armaments. CALL and WRITE NOW!